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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONCERN OVER GSA RUBBER STOCKPILE

1. AT RECENT RUBBER ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE RECEPTION, RESIDENT SOVIET EMBASSY RUBBER BUYER VLADIMIR IVANOF, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, MANIFESTED A NEAR-PANICKY CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE GSA STOCKPILING OF RUBBER.

2. SINCE EARLY MARCH, RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY OUT OF THE S.E. ASIAN NATURAL RUBBER MARKET, "SUSPENDING" THEIR PURCHASE COMMITMENTS FOR APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE. RECENTLY, RUMORS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING IN SINGAPORE RUBBER MARKET THAT GSA IS CONSIDERING "ROLLING OVER" SOME OF ITS OLD STOCK. RUSSIAN RUBBER BUYERS APPARENTLY FEAR THAT IF THERE IS SUBSTANCE TO THESE RUMORS, AND IF USSR AND GSA BOTH RE-ENTER THE MARKET SIMULTANEOUSLY THIS FALL, PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER WOULD SKYROCKET.

3. COMMENT: WHILE RUSSIANS ARE NOT LARGE BUYERS,

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THEIR PURCHASES ARE LARGELY OF RSS-1 GRADE SHEETS AND UPWARD MOVEMENT IN RSS-1 PRICE IN NEXT FEW MONTHS COULD OBVIOUSLY HURT THE RUSSIANS WITH THEIR PRESENT SHORT POSITION IN THE MARKET. IF THE GSA WERE TO ENTER THE MARKET THIS SUMMER ONLY TO BUY A FEW HUNDRED TONS, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT (AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE PRICE EFFECT) WOULD BE VERY SIGNIFICANT.

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